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Ms. Donna R. Searcy Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Searcy:

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Transmitted herewith on behalf of Valley Public Television, Inc. are an original and 5 copies of its Petition For Rule Making concerning the amendment of Section 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules & Regulations pertaining to the Table of TV Allotments.

Should there be any questions, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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TV Broadcast Stations) MM Docket No. 85-390
(Ridgecrest, California))

Directed to: Chief, Allocations Branch

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Valley Public Television, Inc. ("Valley"), by its attorneys, hereby petitions the Commission to institute or, alternatively, to complete a rule making proceeding for the purpose of amending Section 73.606(b) of the Rules, the Table of TV Allotments, as follows:

Allotments

Community	Existing	Proposed 1/
Ridgecrest, California	*25	*41

In support thereof, the following is submitted:

1. Valley is the licensee of educational television station KVPT, Channel *18, Fresno, California. Valley has pending an application for a construction permit for a new noncommercial education television station on Channel *39, at Bakersfield, California (File No. BPET-900904KF).

The Commission itself proposed such a change in a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, in MM Docket 85-390, released December 18, 1985.

The facility Valley is proposing in its Channel *39 2. Bakersfield application is slightly short-spaced to the reference point coordinates of Channel *25 at the U.S. Post Office in the center of Ridgecrest, California, an isolated community located in the desert area of eastern California.2/ Allotment of Channel *41 to Ridgecrest would eliminate the short spacing of Valley's Channel *39 application vis-a-vis the reference point of Channel As set forth in the Moffet, Larson & Johnson Engineering ***25.** Exhibit filed with Valley's request for waiver of the spacing requirements regarding its Channel *39 application, Channel *41 could be used at Ridgecrest at the city reference point coordinates without any short spacing concerns. (A copy of the Engineering Exhibit is attached hereto.)3/ Of particular importance is the fact that the allocation of Channel *41 to Ridgecrest will maximize the efficient use of Channel *39 in Bakersfield, release Channel *25 for use elsewhere and still continue an educational television channel allocation at Ridgecrest, a result clearly mandated by Section 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. 47 U.S.C. 151, et seq.

^{2/} Valley has filed a request for waiver of the separation rule. While the request fully demonstrates that the rule should be waived, the instant rule making request would remove the short spacing altogether.

The Engineering Exhibit also demonstrates that Channel *25 could be used at Ridgecrest with a site restriction that would clear Valley's superior coverage proposal to be authorized on Channel *39 without any short spacing concerns. If the Commission prefers, as an alternative to allotting Channel *41 to Ridgecrest, the Commission could impose a site restriction on Channel *25.

- 3. Section 307(b) is also best served by allowing Valley to proceed with the location of its facilities on Channel *39 as proposed without concern for the slight short-spacing to Ridge-crest, since a significant number of persons who would otherwise not be served will receive Valley's proposed signal. In contrast to the coverage proposed in the mutually exclusive application for Channel *39 filed by Community Television of Southern California ("Community"), which will cover 332,293 persons in an area of 8,932 sq. km., Valley's coverage would reach 421,000 persons and an area of 12,370 sq. km., a difference of 88,707 persons (21% more) and an area of 3,438 sq. km. (27.8% greater), including persons and areas now largely unserved by an educational television station.
- 4. Another factor to be considered is that Channel *25 now allocated at Ridgecrest cannot be currently used because of the ATV Freeze Order.4/ Indeed, even long before the ATV Freeze Order, there was never any interest shown in Channel *25. In fact, there has been no interest shown by any party in operating a station on Channel *25 in Ridgecrest for the entire twenty-five years since its allocation on February 9, 1966.
- 5. Allocation of Channel *41 to Ridgecrest does not pose any technical problems and would have no adverse effect on any other allocations or operating stations. This is evident from the fact that the Commission, itself, made this proposal several

Advanced Television Systems, Mimeo No. 4074, released July 17, 1987) ("ATV Freeze Order").

years ago. In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, in MM Docket No. 85-390, released December 18, 1985, the Commission proposed substituting Channel *41 for Channel *25 in Ridgecrest (and substituting Channel 25 or channels 51 and 57 in Ventura). Although the Report and Order in this proceeding, released September 30, 1987, did not, for other reasons, allocate Channel *41 to Ridgecrest, it did allocate Channels 51 and 57 to Ventura and delete Channel 41. The Report and Order is under reconsideration, and Channel *41 still remains in the Commission's data base as being considered for allotment to Ridgecrest. Therefore, there are no technical problems in allotting Channel *41 to Ridgecrest in terms of compliance with the FCC spacing and other requirements. As noted, by proposing the deletion of Channel 25 and the substitution of Channel *41 at Ridgecrest in MM 85-390, the Commission has already made the determination that such an allocation would be in the public interest.

6. Section 307(b) of the Act requires that channel efficiency be maximized. The Commission can do so by maximizing the use and coverage of Channel *39 by eliminating any short spacing concerns regarding Channel *25 through allocation of Channel *41 to Ridgecrest. "That the Commission's allocation standards are designed to effect an equitable and efficient distribution of radio facilities is axiomatic." Moberly Broadcasting Co., 5 R.R.2d 273, 280 (Rev. Bd. 1965) (emphasis in original) (the need for the service must be analyzed, and the statutory standard of Section 307(b) cannot be ignored).

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In order to achieve efficient distribution of service, the Commission has often modified unoccupied channels. example, in Television Channel Assignments, 57 R.R.2d 140 (M.M. Bur. 1984), the Bureau placed a three-mile site restriction on unused Channel *58 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in order to allot Channel 43 to Battle Creek as its second channel assignment. FM Channel Assignment, 41 R.R.2d 62 (Bdcast. Bur. 1977), the Bureau granted a noncommercial educational FM licensee's request to substitute a channel at Austin, Texas in order to upgrade/its/ facilities to Class C. In order to satisfy the minimum mileage separation requirements, the upgrade necessitated four other substitutions of channels and three deletions of channels. doing the Bureau noted that the grant would allow the licensee to increase service to new persons in the area of license, and that all but two of the other affected channels were unoccupied and unapplied for.

8. Even occupied channels have been modified through show cause orders in cases where the Commission finds it necessary in order to grant new or changed channel assignments. See, eg., FM Channel Assignments, 46 R.R.2d 1267 (Bdcast. Bur., 1980, recon. denied, 48 R.R.2d 1232 (1981) (FM station that is required to change channels in order to make possible other FM assignments will be reimbursed by the ultimate licensee); see also Television Channel Assignments, 57 R.R.2d 719 (M.M. Bur. 1895) (new channel assignment required offset to channel of existing licensee, who was reimbursed for expense). Do.

9. By allocating Channel *41 to Ridgecrest, the Commission will maximize flexibility and efficiency in the use of Channel *39 at Bakersfield, while not depriving Ridgecrest of any service whatsoever through the allocation of a replacement channel to Ridgecrest.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, Valley requests that the Commission initiate a rule making proceeding to substitute Channel *41 for Channel *25 at Ridgecrest, California. Alternatively, Valley requests that the Commission act upon that portion of the pending reconsideration of Docket 85-390 so as to permit the substitution of Channel *41 for Channel *25 at Ridgecrest. By so doing, both the Bakersfield and Ridgecrest communities would be served to the fullest extent.

Respectfully submitted,

VALLEY PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC.

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January 8, 1991

EXHIBIT I

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ENGINEERING EXHIBIT

IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION BY

VALLEY PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC.

FOR A

NON-COMMERCIAL BROADCAST STATION

IN

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

FCC FILE NUMBER BPET-900904KF

November 5, 1990

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Valley Public Television, Inc. Bakersfield, California

ENGINEERING STATEMENT

This Engineering Exhibit has been prepared on behalf of Valley Public Television, Inc. (VPT), an applicant for a new non-commercial broadcast station in Bakersfield, California (FCC File Number BPET-900904KF), in support of a request for waiver of Paragraph 73.610 and Paragraph 73.698, Table II of the FCC Rules.

The proposed VPT transmitter site is 9.8 kilometers short-spaced to the city reference coordinates of an unused Channel *25 allotment at Ridgecrest. California. Exhibit 1 is an allocation study for Channel *25 at Ridgecrest. California. Exhibit 2 shows the permissible site area for the Channel *25 allotment and the restriction that the VPT proposal would place on the Channel *25 site area. As shown on Exhibit 2, grant of the VPT proposal would not preclude the use of Channel *25 at Ridgecrest and an ample permissible site area would remain to the east of Ridgecrest.

Exhibit 3 is an allocation study for Channel 41 at Ridgecrest, California which would be available for use at the Ridgecrest city reference coordinates.

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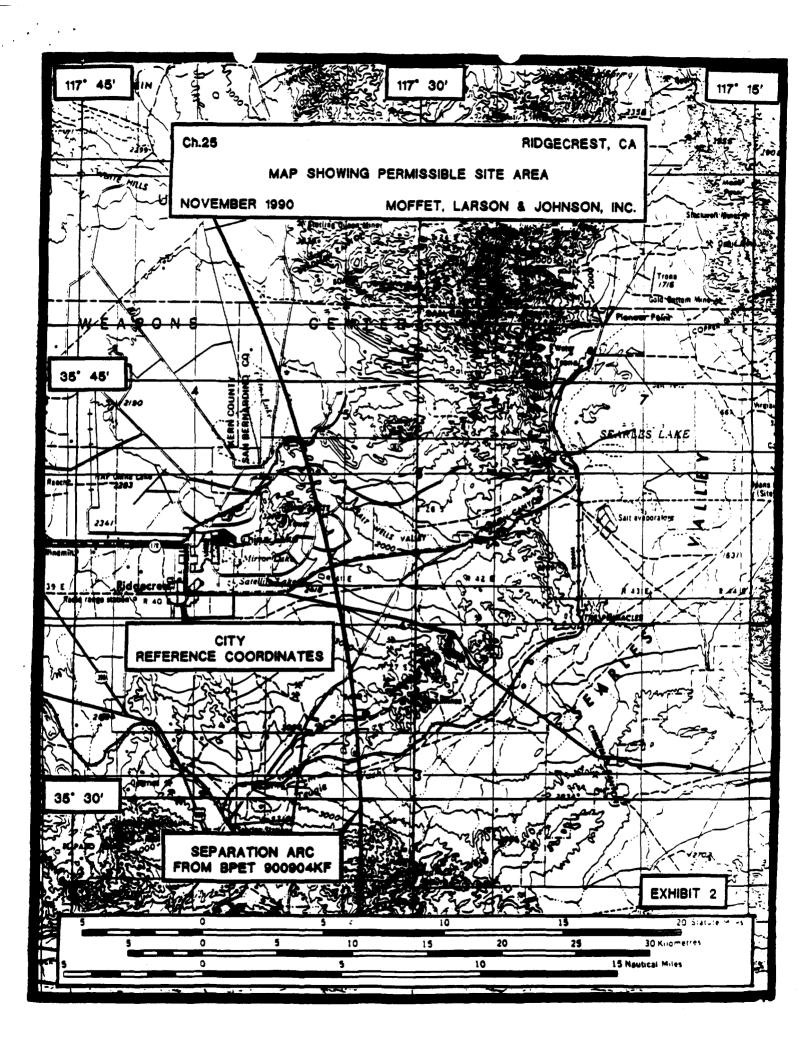
Study Name : Ridgecrest, California

Coordinates : N 35 37 30.0 W 117 40 12.0

Separations : TV Zone 2 - Full Service

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KSCI	SAN BERNARDING	CA LIC BLCT	2579	18-	3334	2380	2 34 11 15.0	117 41 53.5	180.9 1	159.49	95.7	63.79
KEROTV	BAKERSFIELD	CA LIC BOLC	305	23-	1760	3700	2 35 27 14.0	118 35 37.0	257.4	85.88	31.4	54.48
	RIDGECREST	CA ALC	•	25z			2 35 37 30.0	117 40 12.0	239.9	.00	280.8	- 280.8
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KNPH	VISALIA	CA CPM BMPC	891114KE	26+	3214	2570	2 36 40 2.0	118 52 42.0	317.2 1	158.74	87.7	71.04
KBAKTV	BAKERSF IELD	CA LIC BLCT	2317	29z	1700	3730	2 35 27 11.0	118 35 25.0	257.3	85.61	31.4	54.21
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	BAKERSFIELD	CA ALC	•	39-			2 35 22 31.0	119 1 16.0	257.6 1	125.68	95.7	29.98
KTBATV	SANTA AMA	CA LIC BLCT	830418KH	40z	631	2890	2 34 13 27.0	118 3 44.0	193.0 1	159.48	119.9	39.58

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Study Name : Ridgecrest, California

Channel : 41m

Coordinates: N 35 37 30.0 W 117 40 12.0 Separations: TV Zone 2 - Full Service

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EXHIBIT 3

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)

MICHAEL B. DEGITZ, being duly sworn upon oath deposes and says:

That he is corporate secretary of the firm of Moffet, Larson & Johnson, Inc., consulting telecommunications engineers:

That this firm has been retained by Valley Public Television, Inc. to prepare this engineering statement;

That he has either prepared or directly supervised the preparation of all technical information contained in this engineering statement; and that the facts stated in this engineering statement are true of his knowledge, except as to such statements as are herein stated to be on information and belief, and as to such statements he believes them to be true.

Michael B. Degitz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of November, 199

Notary Public

My Commission expires September 13, 1991.

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WALLACE E. JOHNSON, being duly sworn upon oath deposes and says:

That his qualifications are a matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission:

That he is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia and is the President of the firm of Moffet, Larson & Johnson, Inc.;

That this firm has been retained by Valley Public Television, Inc. to prepare this engineering statement;

That he has either prepared or directly supervised the preparation of all technical information contained in this engineering statement; and that the facts stated in this engineering statement are true of his knowledge, except as to such statements as are herein stated to be on information and belief, and as to such statements he believes them to be true.

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coverage requirements. Further, the requested assignment can be made without requiring additional changes or substitutions in the FM Table of Assignments and without conflict to any other known proposed rulemaking.

- 2. The allocation of FM Channel 266A at Cusseta, Georgia, will provide that community with its first local transmission service. Cusseta, Georgia, located in Chattahoochee County, had a 1980 Census population of 1,218 persons. In addition it should be noted that Chattahoochee County currently has no locally licensed transmission service, despite having a population of 21,732 persons (1980 Census).
 - 3. Upon issuance of an Order by the Commission, allocating Channel 266A to Cusseta, Georgia, Chattahoochee County Broadcasting will promptly prepare and file the necessary application with the Commission and, having obtained authorization to do so, will promptly construct the facilities requested.
 - 4. Therefore, inasmuch as the proposed allocation would provide service to a community and county, which currently have no local transmission service, and and can be implemented in compliance with Commission Rules, Chattahoochee County Broadcasting urges the Commission to promptly issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, proposing the allocation of FM Channel 266A to Cusseta, Georgia, as requested herein.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Commission should amend Section 73.202 of its Rules by allocating FM Channel 266A

to Cusseta, Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY BROADCASTING

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September 10, 1992

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ENGINEERING STATEMENT

CUSSETA, GEORGIA

FM CHANNEL 266A

for

Chattahoochee County Broadcasting

The attached engineering study of channel 266A for Cusseta, GA was performed using the Commission's separation criteria contained in 47 C.F.R. Section 73.207, Minimum Distance Separation Between Stations. This study indicates that channel 266A can be assigned to Cusseta, Georgia 1/ with the reference point 2/ situated at the citycenter.

DISCUSSION

An FM channel search on channel 266A at the Cusseta, GA centercity coordinates indicates that this channel would maintain the required separation distances to all facilities afforded protection by the Commission. See Exhibit I: FM Channel Separation Study.

^{1/} Coordinates for Cusseta, GA are N 32-18-18; W 84-46-30

^{2/} Proposed coordinates for channel 266A are N 32-18-18; W 84-46-30

A clearance map for channel 266A of the Cusseta, GA vicinity reveals that there is adequate land available to accommodate the antenna tower without short spacing any facilities afforded protection by the Commission's rules. See Exhibit II.

At maximum facilities (6 kw ERP; 100m HAAT) a class A city-grade contour will cover approximately 15.5 kilometers from the antenna site. Therefore it is quite possible to provide Cusseta, GA with the required city-grade signal from a transmitter site within the clearance area shown on Exhibit II.

Having demonstrated that this proposal meets the separation requirements of 47 CFR 73.207 and that it also meets the city-grade coverage requirements of Section 73.315, the public interest will be served by allotting channel 266A to Cusseta, Georgia.

Dwight R. Magnuson, P.E.

Dated: SEP 4 1992

EXHIBIT I

***** FM CHANNEL SPACING STUDY *****

Job title: Cusseta, GA

Channel: 266A

Database file name: d:\fccdata\fm920730.edx

Latitude: 32 18 18

Longitude: 84 46 30

Pre-1989 Class A spacings?: N

СН	Call	Record	City	ST	Status	Bear.	Dist.	Reqd. Dist.	Result
266C1		6640	Valdosta	GA	USED	140.4	206.7	200.0	6.7
266C1	WAFT	6651	Valdosta	GA	LIC	140.4	206.7	200.0	6.7
267C2	WQIL	6697	Chauncey		CP	87.3	154.0	106.0	48.0
267C2		6707	Chauncey	GA	USED	91.1	157.2	106.0	51.2
265A	WPGAFM	6713	Perry	GA	LIC	73.8	101.5	72.0	29.5
265A		6722	Perry		USED	73.8	101.5		29.5
269A		6723	Warner Robins	GA	USED	70.4	112.7		81.7
269A	WRCCFM	6735	Warner Robins		LIC		112.7		81.7
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264A	WDRL	7307	Cuthbert		CP	183.3		31.0	28.8
269A		7324	Albany		USED	142.2		31.0	65.0
269A _	WKAK	7332	Albany		LIC	142.2		31.0	65.0
268C	WKHXFM : 12 E M		Marietta		LIC		171.5	95.0	76.5
268C	•	7406	Marietta		USED		171.5	95.0	76.5
267A		8011	Dothan		USED		133.0	72.0	61.0
267A	WJJN	8023	Dothan		LIC		133.5	72.0	61.5
266A		8029	Elba		USED		149.6		34.6
266A	WZTZ	8046	Elba		LIC		149.6		34.6
213C3		8061	Columbus		LIC	308.3	27.9	12.0	15.9
265A	WCJM	8062	West Point		LIC	331.4	74.7	72.0	2.7
265A		8068	West Point		USED	331.4		72.0	2.7
265A	WCJM	8072	West Point	GA		331.6	74.8	72.0	2.8
263C		8104	Anniston		USED		179.9		84.9
263C	WHMAFM	8113	Anniston		LIC	325.0		95.0	84.9
_	WALX	8684	Selma		LIC	272.4		106.0	91.8
266C		8784	Cullman		USED		284.9		58.9
266C1	WFMHFM	8802	Cullman		LIC	317.5		200.0	84.9
266C	WFMHFM	8803	Cullman	λL	CP	315.5	279.7	226.0	53.7

***** End of channel 266 study *****

